

Amendments to the Specification

Please insert following paragraph at Page 1, after the title and before the description:

This application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/989,468 filed November 21, 2001, which is a division of U.S. Patent Application 09/233,487 filed January 20, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,525,672.

Please amend the paragraph on page 8, at lines 4-14, as follows:

In addition to identifying the vehicle registration, the signature may also include the vehicle's speedometer setting at the time of the collision and any other parametric data such as acceleration, temperature, and the status of the vehicle's lights, (e.g., headlights, stop lights, turn signals, etc.). Furthermore, as shown in Figure 1C traffic lights ~~152~~ 132 may also be equipped to transmit encrypted data such as the time, and state of the light (i.e., green, yellow or red) when prompted. This data is also received by both vehicles if they are close enough to the traffic light.